



Suffolk Lawyers for Justice

APPLICATION

*Please complete all sections and attach additional sheets as necessary. Be sure to type or print legibly. Applicants must submit **six copies** of the completed application **by mail** to SLJ at 101 Tremont Street, Suite. 600, Boston, MA 02108. Applications must be received no later than **April 1, 2010**.*

a) **Personal Information**

Name: _____

Law Firm: _____

Office Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Office phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

2. **Bar Admission**

Year of admission to the Massachusetts bar:

Board of Bar Overseers number:

Year of admission to any other federal or state courts (please list):

3. **Education**

- a. Please list all law schools attended and date of degree.
- b. Please list all other colleges and professional schools attended and date of degree.
- c. Please describe any significant activities, honors or awards at the above schools.
- d. If you worked in a legal clinic during law school, please describe when, where and the nature of your work.
- e. Have you served as a judicial law clerk or staff attorney to a court? If so, please identify court(s), judge(s) if for an individual judge, and dates.



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- e. Have you taken the course “Zealous Advocacy in the District and Juvenile Courts”? If so, when?
- f. Have you taken any intensive training programs in trial advocacy or continuing legal education courses over the past five years? If so, please indicate course titles and dates.

4. Employment History

Please describe chronologically your employment or law practice since you first became a member of any state’s bar, including a description of your current practice.

5. Litigation Experience

- a) Approximately what percentage of your practice in the last five years has been devoted to litigation? _____ %
- b) Approximately what percentage of such litigation practice in the last five years was:
Criminal _____ % Civil _____ % Other _____ % (= 100 %)
- c) Have you practiced criminal or juvenile law in Massachusetts District or Superior Courts?
____ Yes ____ No
- d) What percentage of your practice is dedicated to criminal defense? _____
- e) If accepted to SLJ, how much of your practice will be dedicated to appointed cases? _____ %
- f) Approximately how many trials (bench or jury) have you conducted in the past 5 years?
____ None ____ 1-5 ____ 6-10 ____ 11-20 ____ 21 or more
- g) What percentage of these trials were: _____ Jury _____ Non-jury (= 100%)
- h) Please indicate the approximate number of appeals handled over the past ten years:
_____ Federal _____ State

Note: For questions 5i-5k, attorneys who have practiced for more than twenty years may limit responses to include only cases conducted over the past ten years.

- i) Please state the approximate number of criminal cases in your career in which you were lead defense counsel in a jury trial. Include whether these took place in District, Superior, or other (please indicate) courts.



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- j) Please state the approximate number of criminal cases in your career in which you were lead defense counsel and performed significant work, but which did not go to trial. Include whether these took place in District, Superior, or other (please indicate) courts.
- k) Please state the approximate number of criminal cases in your career in which you were the lead prosecutor. Include whether these took place in District, Superior, or other (please indicate) courts.

6. Specific Case Experience

- a) Please identify your three most recent jury trials in any court. Include the docket number, judge and counsel involved, and nature of the case. If you have not had a recent criminal trial, you may include recent civil trials; include the court, docket number, judge and counsel involved, and nature of the case. Please include current phone numbers of lawyers involved.
- b) Please identify the three most recent criminal cases in which you were lead counsel and performed significant work, but which did not go to trial (e.g. motions to suppress or any other contested pretrial litigation.) Please state the docket number, judge and counsel involved, and nature of the case. Please include current phone numbers of the lawyers.
- c) When do you generally visit clients who are detained?
- d) Please describe an experience you have had using an investigator or retaining an expert in a criminal case. If you have never used one in a criminal case, please describe any use of an investigator or expert in a civil case.

7. Background

- a) Do you speak any foreign languages? Please identify them and your level of fluency.
- b) Suffolk Lawyers for Justice is committed to assuring that our panel of attorneys is sensitive to the diversity and experiences of the population it serves. What background or perspectives would you bring to help us achieve that goal?
- c) SLJ is committed to providing high quality legal services to indigent defendants. Please explain why you want to represent poor people.
- d) Are you currently a member of any other bar advocate panel or list? Please specify.
- e) Have you ever been removed from any panel or list? If yes, please explain.
- f) Please state briefly your history of service to the poor and any other experience or qualities you believe are relevant to being a bar advocate.



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- g) Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured, or otherwise disciplined, publicly or privately, as an attorney, or as a member of any other profession, or as a holder of any public office? Are any charges or complaints now pending? If so, please provide details.
- h) Please list three names and telephone numbers of persons familiar with your work. You may, but are not required to, attach up to five letters of recommendation.
- i) List names of lawyers who have served as opposing counsel or co-counsel in your cases.
- j) In which of the following courts would you prefer to take regular appointments?

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| _____ Boston Municipal Court | _____ Boston Juvenile Court |
| _____ Brighton District Court | _____ Charlestown District Court |
| _____ Chelsea District Court | _____ Chelsea Juvenile Court |
| _____ Dorchester District Court | _____ Dorchester Juvenile Court |
| _____ East Boston District Court | _____ Roxbury District Court |
| _____ Suffolk Superior Court | _____ South Boston District Court |
| _____ West Roxbury District Court | _____ West Roxbury Juvenile Court |

8. Authorization

Please read the following carefully and sign below:

I hereby authorize the Board of Bar Overseers to release any and all information to Suffolk Lawyers For Justice, Inc. regarding any disciplinary proceedings that have been commenced against me within the last five years. I understand that applicants who have been formally disciplined within the past five years may not be accepted and those current panelists who are formally disciplined may be suspended. Formal discipline includes private reprimand, public censure, suspension or disbarment, and does not include informal admonition. I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that if accepted I will be placed on the panel for up to three years, subject to compliance with all SLJ and CPCS policies and procedures. I understand that at the conclusion of the three years, I would need to reapply if I wish to be on the panel at that time. There is no renewal at the end of the three years, but panel members may reapply for a new three year period.

Signature

Date

Name (type or print clearly)

BBO number



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